

GREETINGS FROM TOMORROW

“ New life for garbage “

FINNISH TRAVEL DIARY

Our trip to Iasi - Romania (2nd - 6th October 2017)

The flight took off from Helsinki destination to Frankfurt at a cold morning of October. We all were a bit excited about meeting our host families, but otherwise we did leave Helsinki with smile on our face. It was great to get away from cold and rainy weather! We had a stopover at Frankfurt, and we stayed at it's airport for an hour or so. After that, we took off the land again, now our destination was Vienna. Same thing in Vienna, we chilled at the airport for a while and then again to the plane. Now we were heading to Iasi, Romania, and we knew that we would be soon at the destination. Finally! Those two stopovers were a little bit exhausting, but we managed to be glad all day somehow. After we landed to Iasi, weather was so much warmer than back in Helsinki. We went to get our travelling bags, and then we saw our "partners" from Romania. We talked together for a while, and then we went to our partners home and met the rest of the family.



At the morning of the second day we had to go to the school at 8 am. We listened at the auditorium presentations of every attending country of their homeland, and presentations about themselves and school they were representing. We showed them a video about Finland and our

school. We also had workshops about recycling. In workshops we were dealing with the subject together. We had lunch at the nearby university, food was basic romanian traditional food. At the day we were rolling around the city and exploring local sights. At the end of the day we all young exchange students stayed to some kind of park to get know each other better and to talk. Each of us spent the evening with host family.



On our fourth day in Romania we went on a bus trip around the surroundings of Iasi. We met nearby the school at 8am. Then we hopped on to our bus that took us to city of Targu Neamt. In the city we visited the Neamt citadel, ethnographic "Popa" museum and Neamt monastery. Neamt citadel was in my opinion the most interesting. Because of its history and beautiful location. In the afternoon, before we went back to Iasi we ate in restaurant, the restaurant was located in the countryside. The trip took the whole day and everyone was tired. We spent almost our whole day either on a bus or walking, still the day was rewarding as got to see cool cultural locations.



During the third day of our trip to Iași we visited *the botanical garden of Iași*. It was this super beautiful place not that far from the center of the town. We spend the whole afternoon there looking at different kinds of trees and flowers which were super cool. We even came across this small amphitheatre type thingy. Here is a picture from the amphitheatre.



There was also garden house part to the garden and we saw all these cactus and even tall trees. I really enjoyed walking around in the garden since it was quite large and there was lot to see. It was also really well kept and the chestnuts falling from the trees added an nice feel to the visit.



Our fifth day in Iasi was our last full day there. We went to a recycling center and in the afternoon there was a party, hosted by Romanian students and parents. The party that was held was the biggest action of the day. All the students, host's parents, and teachers attended it. There was food, listening music, dancing and singing. The party was all different from what I thought, I thought it would have been more boring. The party was held at the school. Before we went to the party our day was neutral. We went to a recycling center and ate lunch at food court.